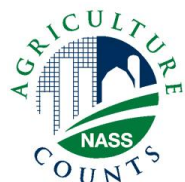


Farm Production Expenditures



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Dear Agricultural Producer,

Below you will find a brief summary of the farm expenditure information gathered with your help during the 2009 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) conducted earlier this year. A full report is available on our website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/>. If you prefer a hard copy of the report, please call Janet Shea at 1-800-338-2157, and we will send one out to you.

The Farm Production Expenditures report is just the first of many publications and studies that will be based on the 2009 ARMS data that you helped compile. Economists, researchers, governments (local, state, and federal), and lobbyists will all be looking at these data when analyzing current farm conditions and addressing policies that affect your farming community.

We truly appreciate the time you took to sit down with your enumerator to record the farm level data that only you, the producer, could provide. This report would not have been possible without your contribution. Thank you for all of your help.

Farm production expenditures: Major input items, West Region and United States
Farms reporting, average per farm and total expenditures, 2008-2009 ¹

Expenditure-Farm share	Farms Reporting ¹		Average per farm ²		Total expenditures	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Percent	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Million dollars	Million dollars
West Region ¹¹						
Labor	41.9	41.4	41,562	42,451	13,200	13,480
Farm services ³	95.0	94.7	36,083	35,932	11,460	11,410
Feed	55.6	48.4	32,242	28,500	10,240	9,050
Livestock, poultry and related expenses ⁴	26.2	23.5	8,816	7,401	2,800	2,350
Rent ⁵	27.7	28.8	10,957	10,928	3,480	3,470
Farm improvements and construction ⁶	56.5	58.7	10,831	10,833	3,440	3,440
Farm supplies and repairs ⁷	81.0	80.0	13,130	12,345	4,170	3,920
Interest	36.6	38.7	8,596	8,125	2,730	2,580
Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners ⁸	40.9	38.1	11,052	9,699	3,510	3,080
Agricultural chemicals ⁸	42.1	44.3	7,840	7,589	2,490	2,410
Fuels	83.1	81.2	10,170	7,432	3,230	2,360
Seeds and plants ⁹	30.4	27.8	7,525	6,456	2,390	2,050
Taxes (real estate and property)	99.8	99.6	6,895	6,330	2,190	2,010
Tractors and self-propelled machinery	21.0	20.2	5,636	4,724	1,790	1,500
Trucks and auto	23.3	22.6	2,708	2,551	860	810
Other farm machinery	21.2	20.1	2,424	2,047	770	650
Miscellaneous capital expenses	10.8	11.8	220	189	70	60
Total farm production expenditures ¹⁰	100.0	100.0	216,688	203,530	68,820	64,630
United States ¹²						
Labor	30.8	28.8	13,550	13,141	29,700	28,800
Farm services ³	93.3	92.8	17,337	16,609	38,000	36,400
Feed	59.4	56.9	21,398	20,533	46,900	45,000
Livestock, poultry and related expenses ⁴	25.9	25.1	12,912	11,818	28,300	25,900
Rent ⁵	28.2	29.3	10,220	10,312	22,400	22,600
Farm improvements and construction ⁶	55.7	53.9	7,209	6,434	15,800	14,100
Farm supplies and repairs ⁷	82.7	81.0	7,254	7,072	15,900	15,500
Interest	38.1	36.2	5,475	5,019	12,000	11,000
Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners ⁸	51.0	47.8	10,265	9,171	22,500	20,100
Agricultural chemicals ⁸	45.7	44.8	5,338	5,247	11,700	11,500
Fuels	85.1	82.5	7,300	5,658	16,000	12,400
Seeds and plants ⁹	41.1	38.2	6,889	7,072	15,100	15,500
Taxes (real estate and property)	99.7	99.6	4,882	4,745	10,700	10,400
Tractors and self-propelled machinery	22.9	21.2	5,201	4,243	11,400	9,300
Trucks and auto	23.0	21.2	2,053	1,825	4,500	4,000
Other farm machinery	25.4	22.7	2,692	2,145	5,900	4,700
Miscellaneous capital expenses	13.1	13.3	100	91	220	200
Total farm production expenditures ¹⁰	100.0	100.0	140,075	131,137	307,020	287,400

Footnotes

1/ Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.

2/ Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. Items may not sum to total due to rounding.

3/ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general and miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities.

4/ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry.

5/ Includes public and private grazing fees.

6/ Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.

7/ Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oils and lubricants, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment, and capital equipment for livestock and poultry.

8/ Includes material and application costs.

9/ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale, and includes seed treatment.

10/ Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. Total may not add due to rounding.

11/ West Regions includes: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY.

12/ Exclude AK and HI.